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Dear Dr. Wheeler:

As a public health and medical professional, I have seen the ravages of long term tobacco use in many South Carolinians. I have also seen statistics applicable to residents of South Carolina which implicate tobacco use as a major contributing factor to heart disease and cancer.

If we are ever going to reduce the prevalence of these two diseases in our state, prevention strategies (including education, higher sales taxes, legislation, decreased availability of tobacco products, etc.) must be developed and implemented.

The South Carolina Public Health Association recognizes DHEC's leadership in the Health Promotion arena and strongly supports its application for ASSIST project funding.

The South Carolina Public Health Association will collaborate with your staff in promoting this smoking reduction project. We can do this by offering a forum for the presentation of scientific papers at our annual meeting (which is attended by some 600 health care professionals), by cosponsoring workshops around the state through our Issues and Answers Committee, and by supporting DHEC's legislative initiatives through our Legislative Committee.

Finally, I have scrutinized projects administered by DHEC in the past and have found that agency to be meticulous in its documentation of services rendered and monies expended. I consider DHEC to be an outstanding guarantor of the public's health and an exemplary steward of public funds.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to support your department's grant proposal to the National Cancer Institute.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Rolett, M.D.*

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